

## Useful Resources

*This information is provided for helpful contact details only. The companies are not listed in any particular order and are not necessarily recommended over others that may provide similar services.*

### Master Builders Green Living Victoria Product Partners

#### Solar/Green Energy – Origin Energy

- Providers of electricity and natural gas to homes and businesses.
  - They also provide green energy options, grid connected solar power systems, solar hot water, rainwater tanks and carbon offset options.
  - [www.originenergy.com.au](http://www.originenergy.com.au)
  - Phone: 13 24 61
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#### Aggregate

- 100% recycled content
  - Alex Faser, Ecco base 9369 7388

#### Architects/Sustainable materials advice

- Urban Green Living
  - a company that offers architectural advice and advice about sustainable building materials.
  - Advice includes, Building Envelope & Draft Proofing, Insulation, Windows & Doors, Noise Proofing, Non-toxic (no VOC) paint & floor finishes, Solar Hot Water, Solar Heating, Energy recovery ventilation, Renewable energy, Rain Water, Grey Water, black Water, Green roofs
  - [www.urbangreenliving.com.au](http://www.urbangreenliving.com.au)
  - Contact Peter Steudle 0404 841 736.

#### Association of Building Sustainability Assessors

- The Association of Building Sustainability Assessors (ABSA) represents building and design professionals who specialise in assessing the environmental impact of buildings. ABSA Accredited Assessors use sophisticated computer programs to analyse your building plans and can offer practical advice on cost-effective ways to improve its performance.
  - [www.absa.net.au](http://www.absa.net.au), 1300 760 012

#### Australian Green Procurement Database

- This database is a free resource of environmentally preferable products in Australia. The green procurement database takes a unique approach by providing meaningful and quantifiable evaluation of each product's environmental performance in addition to providing contact details and technical information about products.
- [www.greenprocurement.org](http://www.greenprocurement.org)

#### Bin suppliers/recyclers

- Bin Smart – Hastings and surrounding areas, sort and recycle 60-70% of waste.
  - Phone: 1300 246 762 or [www.binsmart.net](http://www.binsmart.net)

#### Bricks

- Recycled rustic reds, handmades, creams, clinkers, hawthorns and budget render bricks.
- Contact: 1300 326 274 or [www.ecobricks.com.au](http://www.ecobricks.com.au)

## Cladding systems

- ❑ GRN Wallboards
  - Wholesale distributors of polystyrene building products for external cladding, insulation of walls, floors and ceilings.
  - Contact Fredrick Joseph 0413 560 657

## Concrete

- ❑ With recycled content and/or flyash
  - Boral Concrete 9508 7111
  - Central Pre Mix 9390 0000
  - CSR Ready Mix 131 188
  - Pronto Concrete 9635 1333

## Detergents

- ❑ The information provided on these pages is the unique research of **Lanfax Laboratories**, investigating the potential impact of powder laundry detergents on our environment. Has information about salt and phosphorus levels of various laundry detergents.
  - [www.lanfaxlabs.com.au](http://www.lanfaxlabs.com.au), click on link to laundry products research, then click on “Graphs of sodium and phosphorus in laundry detergents”.

## ECO-Find

- ❑ A listing of green products by keyword.
- ❑ <http://www.ecobuy.org.au/director/ecofind.cfm?findagreenproduct=keyword>

## Ecolibria

- ❑ Company that specializes in providing healthy homes and workplaces.
- ❑ Solutions to electromagnetic radiation, cleaner air and pure water.
- ❑ Eco-friendly building design and materials
- ❑ Infant and child safe homes

## Ecospecifier

- ❑ Subscriber based, but limited access to non-subscribers.
- ❑ **ecospecifier** is a knowledge base of well over 1000 environmentally preferable products, materials, technologies and resources.
- ❑ Linking independent information with a powerful search interface, **ecospecifier** does your materials research for you, delivering innovative solutions with a unique difference.
- ❑ Designed to help designers, builders, consultants and those looking to deliver a best practice design, **ecospecifier** can help reduce environmental impacts and create healthier and more productive living and working environments.
- ❑ [www.ecospecifier.org](http://www.ecospecifier.org)

## Ecoselector

- ❑ environmentally preferable products, materials, technologies and resources.
- ❑ [http://www.cfd.rmit.edu.au/content/download/334/3204/file/Score\\_Card.pdf](http://www.cfd.rmit.edu.au/content/download/334/3204/file/Score_Card.pdf)

## Erosion Control

- ❑ Treemax
  - Erosion control and revegetation solutions
  - [www.treemax.com.au](http://www.treemax.com.au), 03 8786 4966

## Finance

- ❑ Master Builders Victoria Financial Services
  - “Making a Difference” Home Loan. A donation to an environmental cause of the person’s choice will be made with every loan taken out.
  - Contact Harry Pontikis, Phone: 1300 137 539

## Fittings

- ❑ The Environment Shop,
  - Range of high efficiency downlights and compact flurorescents, including dimmable ones.
  - (03) 9480 1905, [www.environmentshop.com.au](http://www.environmentshop.com.au)
- ❑ Neco – the eco hardware store
  - Range of water and energy efficient products, lights and tap fittings
  - 1300 88 26 40, [www.neco.com.au](http://www.neco.com.au)

## Greenliving Website

- ❑ [www.mbav.com.au/training/greenliving.html](http://www.mbav.com.au/training/greenliving.html)

## Insulation

- ❑ Air-cell fibre free insulation
  - Phone: 1300 135 625, [www.air-cell.com.au](http://www.air-cell.com.au)
- ❑ Green Insulation
  - The Reflecta-Range™ of fibre free insulation is created on a core of air-bubble technology.
  - Phone: (07) 3200 6522, [www.greeninsulation.com.au](http://www.greeninsulation.com.au)

## Paint/Floor Oils

- ❑ Greenpainters
  - Information on environmentally friendly and healthier paint and finishes. Also access to greenpainters who specialise in ecofriendly paint products and adhere to an environmentally friendly code of practice.
  - [www.greenpainters.com.au](http://www.greenpainters.com.au)
- ❑ Livos Australia
  - Plant based non-toxic products. Floor and furniture oil for timber, stone and cement floors, cleaners and waxes, paints, tints and primers, thinners
  - [www.livos.com.au](http://www.livos.com.au)
- ❑ Natural Paint Pty Ltd
  - interior paints or renders, oil paints – balsamic turps, floor oil for timber, stone and cement floors
  - [www.naturalpaint.com.au](http://www.naturalpaint.com.au)
- ❑ Dulux
  - Greenhouse neutral paint, low in odour and VOCs
  - [www.dulux.com.au/html/specifier/product\\_information\\_enviro2.aspx](http://www.dulux.com.au/html/specifier/product_information_enviro2.aspx)
- ❑ The Environment Shop
  - [www.environmentshop.com.au/display.asp?ID=5](http://www.environmentshop.com.au/display.asp?ID=5)

## Rainwater Tanks

- ❑ **Silvan H<sub>2</sub>O**
  - A 100% Australian owned company, dedicated to manufacturing and marketing the Aquasource range of Rainwater Utilisation Systems.
  - [www.silvanh2o.com.au](http://www.silvanh2o.com.au)
  - Phone: 03 9791 9933, Email: [silvanh2o@silvanaust.com](mailto:silvanh2o@silvanaust.com)

## Rebates

- ❑ [www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/for\\_households/rebates.html](http://www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/for_households/rebates.html)
- ❑ <http://www.environment.gov.au/rebates/>

## Sediment and litter control

- ❑ [www.mbav.com.au/vpLink.aspx?ID=00000004820](http://www.mbav.com.au/vpLink.aspx?ID=00000004820)

## Solar hot water and power

- ✚ Going Solar
  - (03) 9347 1422, [www.goingsolar.com.au](http://www.goingsolar.com.au)
- ✚ The Environment Shop
  - (03) 9480 1905, [www.environmentshop.com.au/display.asp?ID=5](http://www.environmentshop.com.au/display.asp?ID=5)

## Steel Reinforcement

- ❑ With recycled content
  - Vic Mesh 8795 6666
  - Smorgan Steel 9279 5566

## Stores

- ✚ The Environment Shop
  - 594 High Street, Thornbury, Victoria 3071, Phone: (03) 9480 1905,
  - [www.environmentshop.com.au/display.asp?ID=5](http://www.environmentshop.com.au/display.asp?ID=5)
- ❑ Energy and Water Saving Shop
  - Units 2-3/38 Bridge St Eltham Vic 3095 Phone: (03) 9431 0006
  - [www.enter-shop.com.au](http://www.enter-shop.com.au)

## Sustainability Victoria

- ❑ Energy smart housing manual
- ❑ <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/www/html/1641-energy-smart-housing-manual.asp>

## Termite protection

- ❑ FMC Homeguard
  - Under the Australian Standard AS3660.1 Termite Management Part 1: New Building Work HomeGuard is classified as a chemical termite barrier in a non-soil matrix combining the attributes of both chemical and physical Termite management Systems while meeting the 'Performance Appraisal' requirements of the Building Code of Australia.
  - [www.homeguardptm.com.au](http://www.homeguardptm.com.au)

## Timber

- ❑ Alpine MDF Industries Pty. Ltd
  - Medium density fibreboard (MDF)
  - [www.alpinemdf.com.au](http://www.alpinemdf.com.au), Phone: 03 57213522
- ❑ Associated Kiln Driers Pty.Ltd.
  - Softwood sawn timber
  - [www.akd.com.au](http://www.akd.com.au), Phone: 03 52319100
- ❑ Briggs Veneers Pty Ltd
  - ❑ Timber veneer
  - ❑ [www.briggs.com.au](http://www.briggs.com.au), Phone: 02 97327888
- ❑ EcoAsh
  - An Australian grown eucalypt hardwood that is planted and managed within a framework of environmental sustainability.
  - [www.ecoash.com.au](http://www.ecoash.com.au)

- ❑ Eco Timber
  - Experts in sourcing, supplying, designing, and installing architectural timber. Offer a range of new and recycled stock.
  - [www.ecotimber.com.au](http://www.ecotimber.com.au), Phone: 03 9421 6866
- ❑ Evalock Cedar Windows & Doors
  - [www.evalock.com.au](http://www.evalock.com.au), Phone: 02 48712144
- ❑ George Fethers & Co Trading Pty Ltd
  - ❑ Flooring and timber veneer
  - ❑ [www.gfethers.com.au](http://www.gfethers.com.au), Phone: 03 96465266
- ❑ Good Wood Guide
  - ❑ How to find ecologically sustainable timber products.
  - ❑ The guide can be used to search for a range of products including doors and flooring and suppliers.
  - ❑ [www.greenpeace.org.au/goodwoodguide/index.html](http://www.greenpeace.org.au/goodwoodguide/index.html)
- ❑ Gunnersens
  - ❑ Gunnersen is committed to the development and distribution of forest friendly timber and panel products. Products are sourced from renewable resource forests, such as Radiata Pine, or from re-growth forests, in Australia and around the world. Gunnersen also researches and develops products that are manufactured using recycled materials, forest residues and industry waste.
  - ❑ [www.gunnersens.com.au](http://www.gunnersens.com.au), Phone: 03 9647 9911.
- ❑ Hampton and Larsson
  - ❑ Custom Joinery including doors windows and more
  - ❑ [www.hamptonandlarsson.com.au](http://www.hamptonandlarsson.com.au), Phone: 02 66212734
- ❑ Hume Doors & Timber (QLD) Pty.Ltd.
  - ❑ Timber mouldings
  - ❑ [www.humedoorsqld.com.au](http://www.humedoorsqld.com.au), Phone: 07 34896263
- ❑ JELD-WEN Fibre of Australia
  - ❑ Moulded fibre based door skins
  - ❑ [www.jeld-wen.com.au](http://www.jeld-wen.com.au), Phone: 02 63396291
- ❑ Quarter Enterprises Pty. Ltd.
  - ❑ Logs & sawn timbers
  - ❑ Phone: 02 96539733
- ❑ Radial Timber Sales
  - Radial Timber Sales was established in 2001 and currently markets, sells and distributes all radial sawn products.
  - [www.radialtimber.com](http://www.radialtimber.com), Phone: 03 9768 2100
- ❑ The Woodage
  - ❑ Rough lumber, mouldings & dressed timbers, custom feature timber, Flooring, Custom internal fit-out and joinery, including bench tops, skirting, architraves and other feature timber
  - ❑ [www.thewoodage.com.au](http://www.thewoodage.com.au), Phone: 02 48721618

## Vapour Barrier

- ❑ with recycled content

- Allcrete Polythene 9761 5777
- Plastic Technology 9462 2011

### **Waffle pods**

- Foamex
  - 40% recycled content, collection service for offcuts
  - Phone: 9720 4200

### **Waste minimisation and recycling**

- [www.mbav.com.au/vpLink.aspx?ID=00000004810](http://www.mbav.com.au/vpLink.aspx?ID=00000004810)

### **Water Saving**

- Toilets
  - waterless toilets
    - Nature loo, 1300 768 013, [www.nature-loo.com.au](http://www.nature-loo.com.au)
    - Rota-loo, (03) 9587- 2447, [www.rotaloo.com](http://www.rotaloo.com)
  - Green Taps
    - Greentaps has plumbers on-site who are available to discuss products, alternate installations and design systems, allowing customers the advantage of speaking to trades people, not sales people.
    - Greentaps offers product selection, purchase and installation in one convenient location, and can also provide an on site inspection service if required.
    - From pressure pumps and hotwater return pumps, to rain water tanks, grey water diversion and treatment systems, flow restrictors, controls and shower heads, Greentaps has a water saving solution for every part of the home.
    - Phone 1300 765 487, [www.greentaps.com.au](http://www.greentaps.com.au)

### **Windows**

- Rylock Windows and Doors
- Phone: 9381 4822, [www.rylock.com](http://www.rylock.com)